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Mr. Howell would like his comments added to the Docket.

From: Tom Howell <[redacted]
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To: South Carolina Public Service Commission

From: Tom Howell, [redacted], Columbia, SC [redacted]

Date: March 22, 2021

Subject: 220-229-E

I am writing to protest Dominion Energy's request to increase fees and rate charges for customers who have installed, or plan to install, solar energy panels on their houses or businesses. We should be encouraging the use of rooftop solar energy, not penalizing it. Use of solar energy can save money for users, reduce pollutants that come from burning fossil fuels to generate electrical power, and make our energy system more secure and more stable, as well as less expensive. Solar energy users who feed extra energy that they produce into the grid should get a fair price for that energy. Rooftop solar customers deserve a dollar-for-dollar credit for the extra electricity that they produce.

Energy customers who have been victimized by the incompetent decisions of SCE&G that led to higher rates to pay for a failed nuclear plant should not be further victimized by unfair and unjustified rate increases by Dominion Energy. We have a growing residential solar installation industry that has been supporting thousands of jobs. We should continue to support and encourage the businesses that create those jobs.

Saving money on home energy expenses by using improved energy efficiency and solar power helps to stabilize the finances of families. Our economy and our society benefit from having more financially stable families in our communities.

An already profitable power company should not be raising rates for customers that want to make responsible energy decisions that benefit their families, and which help make our energy system more stable and more secure for our communities. Distributed solar energy generation can make our energy system more resilient in times of emergency.